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1	[redacted]	8/18	
2	Mr. Coffey	8/18/70	
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## Remarks:

The "authenticating" problem referred to in the last paragraph of [redacted] report is a serious problem. I am assembling some "typical" examples of this problem and would like an opportunity to discuss it in detail with you and [redacted]. I also have some recommendations on what to do about it and request you do not discuss the issue with DDP until we can get together on this subject.

FYI, we have sent a copy of Tab B to [redacted] per your previous agreement that he receive copies of our status reports.

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FROM: NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.	DATE
[redacted]	18 AUG 1970

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17 AUG 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Coffey

VIA

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Attached is RCB's quarterly status report on jobs out for coordination, information, or authentication. Also attached is an activity report for the period 1 May through 31 July 1970 (Tab C). In this latter report you will note that the current workload totals 95 cases, down from a total of 168 reported last November, and 124 reported at the end of April.

The report on coordination, information and authentication is given in two parts. Tab A shows jobs that were still out for authentication on 15 April 1970, when the last report was submitted to the ADDS; but have subsequently been authenticated. This Tab is included to show how long it took for these jobs to be authenticated. Tab B shows jobs that are currently in progress. Jobs that were received, coordinated, authenticated and published during the period 16 May - 13 August are not included. This is considered normal processing time.

For a short period after your discussion with the Chief, Operational Services last February, processing time by the Clandestine Service showed improvement. However, as noted in attachments A and B, DDP is still the main deterrent in processing and publishing regulations, notices, and handbooks on a timely basis. Whether it is coordination or authentication, it takes the DDP much longer than any of the other coordinators or the ADDS to respond. No response times have been established for authentication, but it would seem that five workdays is sufficient to approve a publication that has been fully coordinated.

The ADDS's instructions to RCB to publish headquarters issuances upon his authentication, without waiting more than a few workdays to receive DDP's authentication  has in a few instances resulted in minor language differences in the headquarters  publications. We have recently had several instances where the Chief, Operational Services has made both

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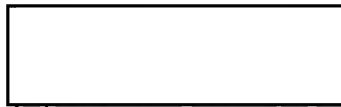
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editorial and substantive changes on issuances sent to him for authentication (after having previously coordinated on these issuances or failing to respond to information copies). Obviously, this practice does an injustice to the coordinating system, delays publication of [redacted] (as differences must again be resolved with the originating office), and if continued, could result in substantive differences between [redacted] This, of course, is avoided by RCB at all cost.

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Attachments:

1. Tab A
2. Tab B
3. Tab C

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